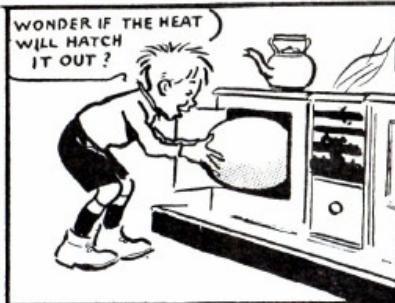


Queerest Beast to Walk on Land—Jimmy's Grockle Beats the Band!

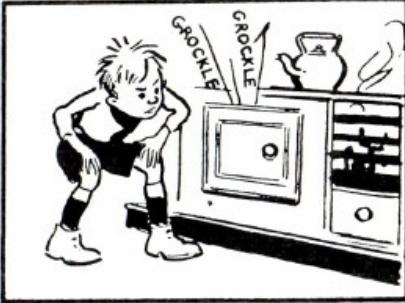
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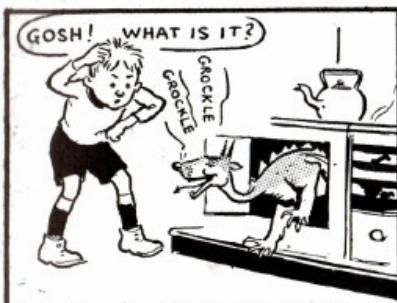
1—Jimmy Johnson got a present in a parcel from his uncle in South America. It was a great big egg—so big that Jimmy thought it was an ostrich egg.



2—There wasn't a hen in the hen-house big enough to sit on it and hatch it out. But Jimmy thought of putting it in the warm oven.



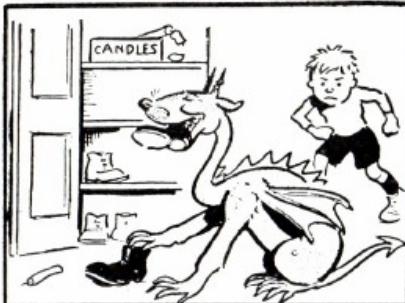
3—He listened at the oven door for a long time. Presently he heard queer sounds like these—"Grockle, grockle, grockle!" The egg was hatching.



4—But it wasn't an ostrich that walked out when he opened the oven. It was the queerest animal you ever saw, right from its funny grin to its funny, spiky tail.



5—Jimmy thought it might be hungry. It was!—for when he put down a basin of potatoes, it gobbled up the potatoes and tried to gobble up the basin as well!



6—What an appetite that animal had! It ate anything, from Pa Johnson's Sunday boots to the cabbages in the garden. And it grew and grew and grew.



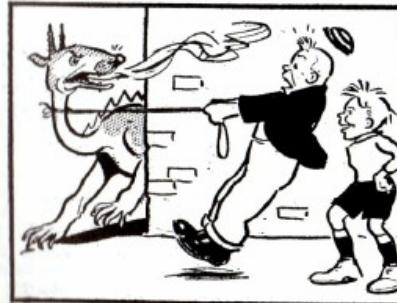
7—One day Jimmy tied a string round the queer animal's neck and took it out for a walk. He wanted to show it off to his chums in the street.



8—But round the corner of the wall at the end of the street he met Big Bill Brown, the town bully. Brown was in an ugly mood and started getting tough.



9—Then he spotted the string in Jimmy's hand, and thought Jimmy had a dog with him. So he flattened Jimmy's nose and grabbed the string.



10—Meanwhile Jimmy's queer animal had lingered round the corner to chew up an old tin can. But when Brown heaved on the string, round it came.



11—Wonder of wonders! Flames streamed from its mouth and set Brown's pants on fire! And Brown ran so hard, his boots must nearly have gone on fire, too!



12—When the strange animal came back Jimmy looked at it. It looked like nothing else on earth, so he called it by the name which it called itself—Grockle.

The funny grin on his funny clock'll—Be here next week; watch for **Jimmy's Grockle**.

Jimmy and his Grockle



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Jimmy's uncle had found the Grockle as a large egg while visiting South America, and posted it to his nephew as a present. To warm and hatch the egg, Jimmy placed it in the oven, and when the bizarre creature emerged, it made a repeated "grockle" noise. Despite its unusual appearance, Jimmy befriended the newborn animal, finding that it would voraciously eat almost anything, and it rapidly grew until it was bigger than him. When he took it for its first walk outside, it defended him from local bully Big Bill Brown, and afterwards Jimmy dubbed it the Grockle, after the noise it made.
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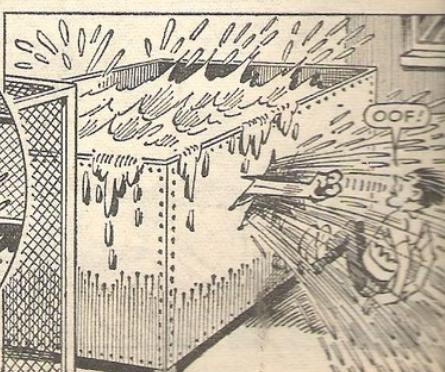
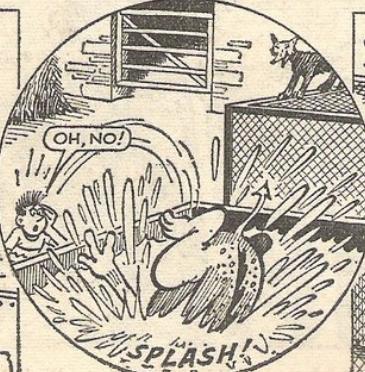
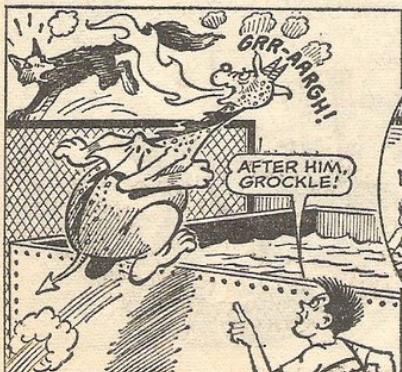
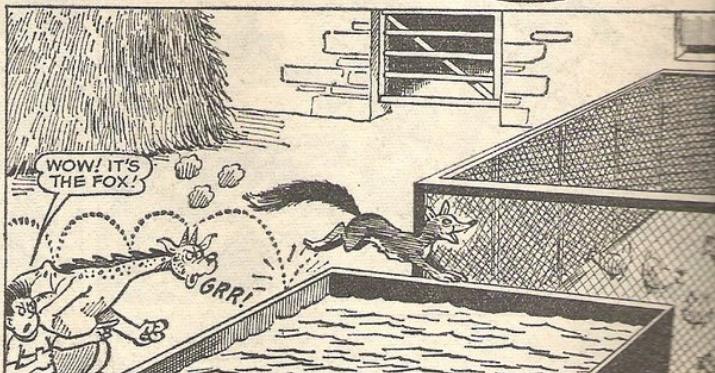
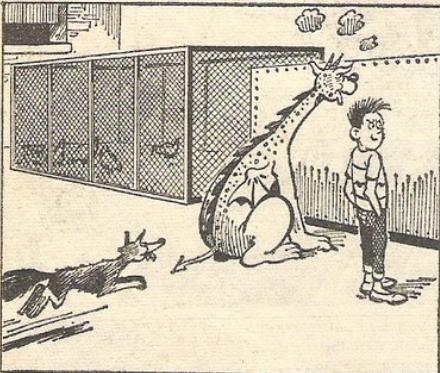
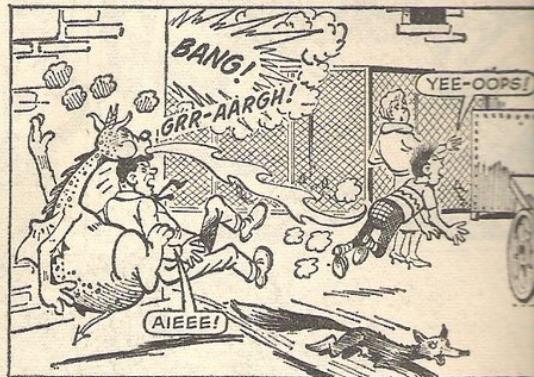
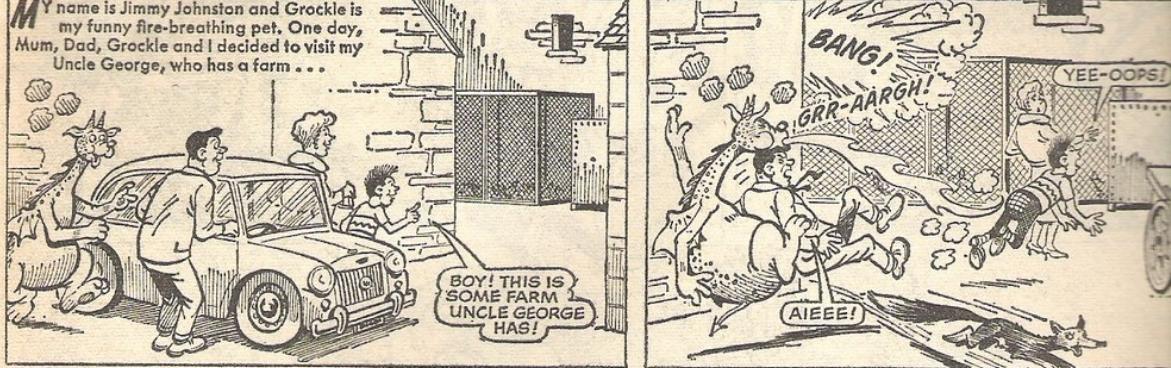
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Grockle 'goes to town' on Uncle George's farm!

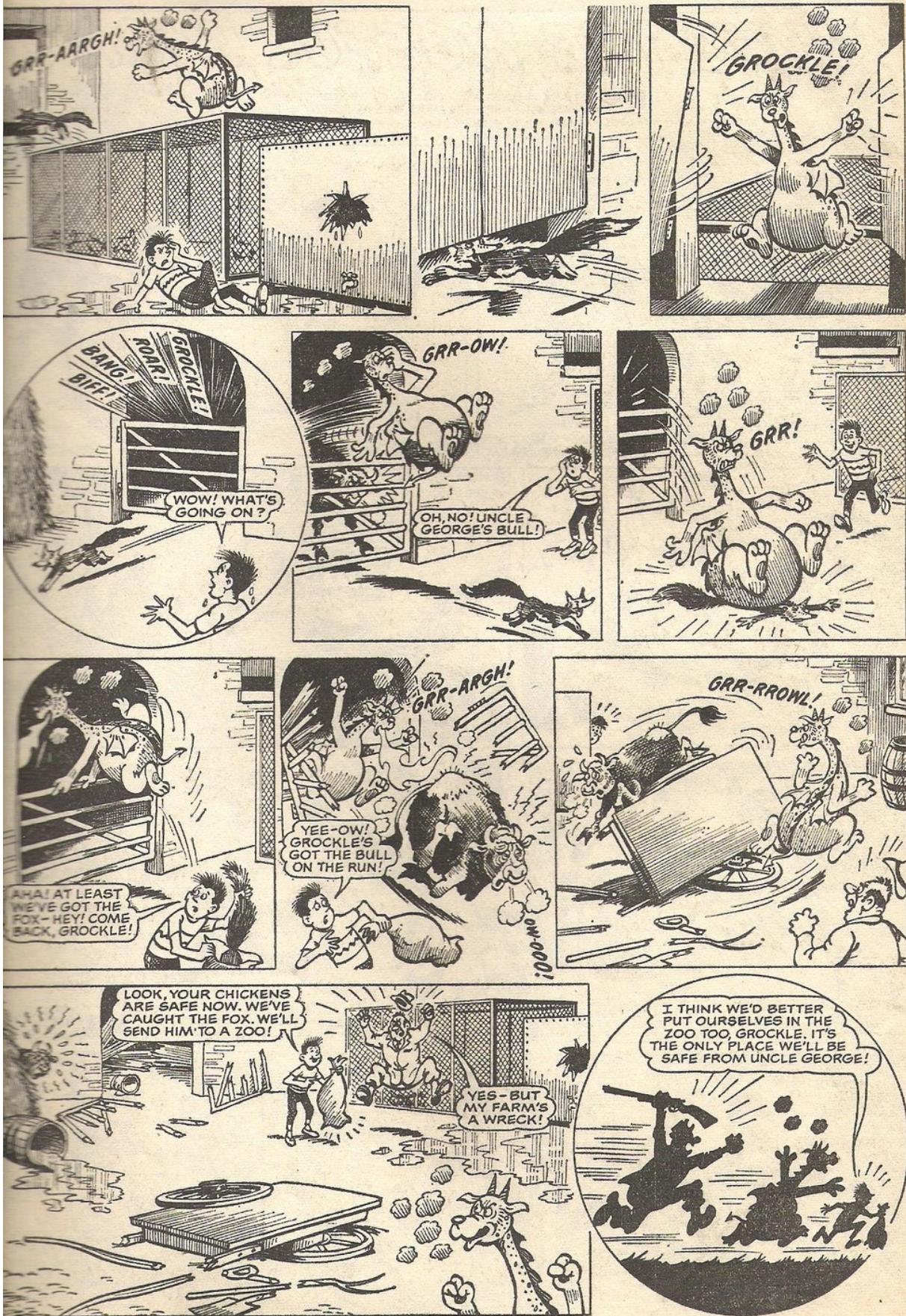


MY GROCKLE and ME!

My name is Jimmy Johnston and Grockle is my funny fire-breathing pet. One day, Mum, Dad, Grockle and I decided to visit my Uncle George, who has a farm ...



Lots of boys and girls have found—Sparky's fun to have around!



NEXT WEEK—Jim and Grockle join the demolition business!